

statutes that resulted in a hammer because they didn't need a hammer. They were going to participate in a study on reallocation and they were going to find the resources through a study of their own to recommend to the Legislature, find the resources through reallocation process, maybe not among district court judges, but throughout the whole judicial system? Is that your understanding of their commitment?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes, it is. In our discussions with the president and the president-elect of the Bar Association.

SPEAKER WITHEM: That was my understanding, and that position was reiterated to me in the Rotunda from the lobbyist for the Bar Association. So we do have the Bar Association, although they oppose adamantly any changes placed in the statute relative to a hammer to force reallocation, they are committed to go forward in the area of reallocation. I want that point made for the record. What do you see happening over the next summer in the area of reallocation in addition to what the Bar Association is committed to do?

SENATOR LINDSAY: The Judiciary Committee, we have an interim study in the Judiciary Committee. So Judiciary Committee will be looking at that. That's broad enough that it can include recommendations from the Bar Association or from other entities. The Chief Justice, prior to anything having occurred, has indicated that with the caseload...the better data that will be available because of a grant that the state court administrator's office has received, they expect better data to be available by October 1. The Chief Justice indicated that regardless of what the Bar Association, the Legislature, whoever, whatever they do, he will appoint a task force to advise him and the court on what should occur. And he will...and the court will make some determinations and will forward those...the court's recommendations to the Legislature.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Okay, thank you, Senator Lindsay. I wanted that in the record because there is a concern from some of the comments Senator Beutler made and Senator Chambers made that the Bar Association has once again whipped the Legislature into shape and forced them to adopt their position. Some of that may in fact be accurate. And I would also indicate in my many years in the Legislature dealing with various issues I have never run across a more recalcitrant organization in terms of dealing reasonably on an issue than the way in which the Bar Association